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Elton John & David Furnish Welcomed A Baby Boy Called Zachary

After welcoming Zachary Jackson Levon Furnish-John on December 25 via a surrogate, Sir Elton John, 62, and partner David Furnish, 48, shared the joyous news. The singer Elton John says it didn't take long to decide what he and his husband would call their new child, they both love this name - Zachary.

Celebrities' Babies Who Born in 2010

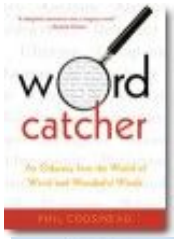
Mark Wahlberg and his wife Rhea Durham became the parents of a baby girl, Grace Margaret, on January 11. Ty Burrell and his real-life wife Holly adopted their first child, a baby girl Frances, who was born on January 30. After splitting up with husband Jesse James, Sandra Bullock actress go ahead alone with the adoption of her little "Cajun cookie" who was born in January. Padma Lakshmi gave birth to her baby girl, Krishna, on February 20. Jenna Elfman and her husband Bodhi Elfman got new member of their family on March 2 when their son, Easton Quinn, arrived. Dr. McSteamy, aka Eric Dane, and his wife Rebecca Gayheart delivered a baby girl, Billie Beatrice, on March 3. Crooner Robin Thicke and his Paula Patton debuted their first baby together, son Julian Fuego, on April 6. Amanda Peet and her writer hubby David Benioff became the parents of a daughter, Molly June, on April 19. Sugar Ray rocker Mark McGrath and his fiancee Carin Kingsland became parents to twins (a boy and a girl) on April 29. Singer Sheryl Crow adopted son Levi James, who was born on April 30. Claudia Schiffer and her director Matthew Vaughn added another child, baby girl Cosima Violet, to their brood on May 14. Amy Adams and her fiance Darren Le Gallo welcomed their first addition to the family on May 15. Christine Baumgartner gave birth to their third child together with Kevin Costner, Grace Avery. Tiffani Thiessen and Brady Smith gave birth to their first child, daughter Harper Renn, on June 15. Amy Poehler and Will Arnett expanded their family with the arrival of Abel James on August 6. On August 24, Dratch and her boyfriend John Wahl welcomed a boy world named Eli Benjamin. Jodie Sweetin and her boyfriend Morty Coyle welcomed daughter Beatrix Carlin on August 31. Isla Fisher and her husband Sacha Baron Cohen welcomed their second child in early September. Danica McKellar gave birth to her first son, Draco, on September 7. Mario Lopez and his girlfriend Courtney Mazza welcomed daughter Gia Francesca on September 11. James Van Der Beek's wife Kimberly Brook gave birth to their first child, Olivia, on September 25. Neil Patrick Harris and partner David Burtka became the proud daddies of twins on October 12. Alicia Keys and her husband, Kaseem "Swizz Beatz" Dean, welcomed their first child, a son Egypt Daoud Dean on October 14. Lance Armstrong welcomed his second child with wife Anna Hansen. Matt Damon and wife Luciana welcomed daughter Stella Zavala on October 20. Celine Dion and her husband Rene Angeli welcomed twin boys, Eddy and Nelson, on October 23. John Travolta and wife Kelly Preston welcomed son Benjamin on November 23.

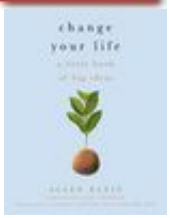
Vince Vaughn and his wife Kyla Weber welcomed their first child, a daughter named Locklyn Kyla Vaughn on December 18.

Ali Larter and MacArthur gave birth to a boy named Theodore Hayes on December 20.

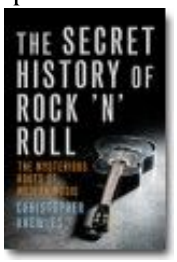
VIVA EDITIONS: New Releases

World Catcher: an Odyssey Into the World of Weird and Wonderful Worlds by Phil Cousineau published by VIVA Editions in 2010. In a word, this book is a game of catch. Author is exploring the delightful back stories





of the 250 or so words that compose this book. Author hopes that reader will be inspired to develop the delightful habit of running to his own dictionary, whether on his bookshelf or on laptop, every time he is frustrated, intrigued, or tantalized by a curious word. Phil Cousineau has been word catcher since he was a child. Since the age of 16 he was a freelance writer, and for the past 20 years aa filmmaker, consultant, and sports coach. Now, he is the host and co-writer of the nationally broadcast television series Global Spirit, on LINK TV. *Change Your Life: a little book of big ideas* by Allen Klein published by VIVA Editions in 2010. One of the fun things you can do with this book is to open it to any page and read quotations. This quotations can change your life. You can share this book with someone else, who are celebrating a special occasion. This little book will enrich your life and provide you with big ideas that can make a huge difference in your life. Allen Klein is a master of the right quote at the right moment, in this book he takes reader through all stages of life with ideas that help feel good about yourself and you life purpose.



The Secret History of Rock 'n' Roll: The Mysterious Roots of Modern Music by Christopher Knowles published by VIVA Editions in 2010. The old stigma against rock 'n' roll never went away. Cultural critics in the 80s and early 90s were always looking for something to replace it. Somehow rock 'n' roll has survived. This book will help reader to rediscover a culture and art form too often taken for granted. It traces the development of rock's most popular genres and explains why stars like Morrison were called "modern Dionysians". You will find out why rock legends mixed gurus and gods with guitars and groupies… Christopher Knowles is an award-winning author and creator of comics.

Prince William, Kate Middleton Release Official Engagement Portraits

Prince William and Kate Middleton released a set of official engagement portraits, shot by famed fashion photographer Mario Testino.

Prince William and his girlfriend, both 28, made a secret pact to marry 3 years ago while on vacation in the Seychelles. Kate wanted assurances from William. William told Kate she was The One, but he was not ready to get married. She agreed to wait for him.

Obama, Democrats, and Tax Deal

The White House Democratic leaders protest that the overall package gives up too much to the wealthy. They're putting Obama on the defensive. Even as the deal picks up support among GOP lawmakers and business groups.

Wednesday afternoon, Obama was sending Joe Biden to Capitol Hill to urge resistant House Democrats to support the package. Biden lobbied Senate Democrats on Tuesday.

Some Democrats are unhappy that Obama agreed to extend expiring tax cuts not just for the middle class but also for higher earners. They are also unhappy that he agreed to impose a lower estate tax on wealthy heirs. Both provisions are seen by many Democrats as giveaways to the rich that will do little to help the economy.

A British Judge Jailed WikiLeaks Founder Julian Assange

On Tuesday December 7, a British judge jailed WikiLeaks Founder Julian Assange ordering the leader of secret-spilling website behind bars as his organization's finances came under increasing pressure.

Julian Assange showed no reaction as Judge Howard Riddle denied him bail in an extradition case that could see him sent to Sweden to face allegations of rape, molestation and unlawful coercion. Watch video (click on image):

WikiLeaks released a cache of a dozen new diplomatic cables, its first publication in more than 24 hours.
Assange's website came under increasing financial pressure December 7 — with both Visa and MasterCard saying they would block payments to the controversial website. Visa Inc. said it was taking steps to suspend Visa payment acceptance on WikiLeaks Web site pending further investigation into the nature of its business, and whether it contravenes Visa operating rules.
WikiLeaks is still accepiting donations through bank transfers to affiliates in Iceland and Germany, as well as by mail to an address at University of Melbourne in Australia.
A demostration to protest Julian Assange's arrest is being organized December 7, at 13:30 London time in front of the Westminster Magistrates' Court. On www.Facebook.com, December 7, at 11:25 AM Central Time - 963,698 people like WikiLeaks and this number is growing evey second... Despite all negativity around Assange, he is the first candidate to be the TIME's 2010 Person of the Year.
Here is the full List: Who Will Be Time's 2010 Person of the Year 2010?.

Bomb Attack on Lenin's Statue in St. Petersburg

A bomb destroys part of a Lenin statue near Saint Petersburg, the latest such attack on a monument to the founder of the Soviet Union. Watch video at Yahoo!:

New Books From Schiffer Publishing

Legends in Archery: Adventurers with Bow and Arrow by Peter O. Stecher published by Schiffer in 2010. Like lots of people of his generation, Peter loved reading "Cowboy and Indian" stories and watching Hollywood adventure movies throughout his childhood and youth. He was fascinated by Errol Flynn playing Robin Hood… This book presents the techniques, equipment, and philosophies of significant archers from the late 19th century till today. Greatly illustrated with black-and-white photographs, this book filled with stories, observations, and lessons from the gutsy characters that defined the sport. This account invites you on a journey to big game bow hunts in Africa, bow fishing in South America… Peter O. Stecher was born in 1965. He is journalist and writer, who loves hunting with rifles and the long bow. He writes for archery and gun magazines. *Panzergrenadier Divisions of The Waffen-SS* by Rolf Michael published by Schiffer Publishing in 2010. The experiences of the First World War had shown that a war could only be won through movement. In the Second World War it was the panzer division and the motorized infantry divisions, later reorganized and renamed panzer grenadier divisions, that were the investments of this war of movement. This greatly illustrated with black-and-white rare photographs account is a concise combat history of the six Waffen-SS panzer grenadier divisions in World War II. The text along with maps discusses the combat and histories. Reader will learn about 11th SS-Freiwilligen Panzergrenadier Division "Nordland", 4th SS-Polizei Panzergrenadier Division, 16th SS-Panzergrenadier Division "Reichfuhrer-SS", 17th SS-Panzergrenadier Division "Gotz von Berlichingen", and other.

Plains Indians Regalia & Customs by Bad Hand published by Schiffer in 2010. This account shows that the early style of photographic imagery created an "aura" of the earlier Indian people. This "aura" is plainly seen in those old tintype images and other styles of early photographs that came and went through that historic Plains Indian period after European/White contact. This visual phenomena extends with early sketches by explorers and artists. This original study of Plains Indian cultures of the 19th

century is carried out though the use of paintings, photography, and writings. The author adds the new research and modern replica items. The text of the book documents the seven major tribes: Blackfeet, Cheyenne, Comanche, Crow, Hidatsa, Mandan, and Latota and explores the major incidents and introduces the prominent leaders and average members… Bad Hand is a Native American author, historian, lecturer and replica maker. He has made the study of Plains Indian culture part of his life and dedicated many years to research and personal hands-on experiences.

Fraud Involving Debit Cards and Personal-Identification Numbers Is On The Rise

Techniques such as "skimming," in which criminals capture card information and personal-identification numbers, have existed for years, often on a small scale. Organized gangs now are pulling off more-sophisticated attacks. Whereas most of the fraud in previous years took place at independent ATMs or at retail points of sale, fraud at bank-owned ATMs made up more than 80% of the breaches in the first six months of this year.

Till now, skimming equipment was relatively crude and clunky, attached to card-readers with double-stick foam tape and relying on small cameras to record hands punching in PINs. The new devices include equipment that fits inside pinhead-sized cameras. card readers, and well-crafted attachments that sit snugly on top of ATM card readers and PIN pads. Bluetooth technology allows the fake card reader and PIN pad to talk to each other, and data drives or wireless technology can make downloading of stolen information quick and easy.

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The Top Two Rungs of The Billboard 200 Chart

Former Britain's Got Talent contestant Susan Boyle is at No.1 for a 2nd week with her Syco/Columbia set "The Gift" selling 335,000. Ten-year old America's Got Talent runner-up Jackie Evancho comes in at No. 2 with her "O Holy Night" EP, selling 239,000.

Art of Custom Motorcycles : Choppers, Bobbers, Baggers and More

Today's Top Custom Bike Builders by Howard Kelly with foreword by Jay Leno published by Motorbooks in 2009. Photographs made by Michael Lichter. Jay Leno's favorite time in American industry was the early 20s and 30s.Then guys like Henry Ford and Walter Chrysler would not only engineer cars, they would go out and build them... Later, appeared S&S Cycle. S&S's motto is: "Fifty Year of proven Performance." Back to 1958 S&S got its start when George J. Smith figured out that people would pay him to make their bikes faster. Sharp guy, he figured out how to make his bike faster than those of everyone else around his Blue Island, Illinois, home. To celebrate 50 years as America's premier V-twin engine manufacturer, S&S Cycle commissioned 50 top bike builders from around the world to construct custom motorcycles powered by S&S engines for a gala motorcycle show at S&S world headquarters in Wisconsin. This fascinating book showcases the bikes built for the event through the photographs of Michael Lichter...

Custom Motorcycles: Choppers, Bobbers, Baggers by Howard Kelly with photographs by Michael Lichter published by Motorbooks in 2009. There are some basic names for bike styles that bring instant recognition to the biker crowd. For example, "pro-street" means a low-to-the-ground, modest length bike with a big engine and a riding position that allows the rider to be ready for a drag race at any stoplight. "Bobber" is a tirm for a bike that wasn't quite chopped, but had parts cut down, or bobbed... In this fully-illustrated account, custom-bike expert Howard Kelly explores the work of famous builders from around the globe and illustrates the variety of choices available to a builder. You want your investment to pay off in a motorcycle that reflects your style and that you're proud to show it. Starting with a complete vision is the key to a great custom bike. This book will help ensure you achieve your goals.

A Few Days Later, After Elections Democrat President "Created" 3000+ Jobs

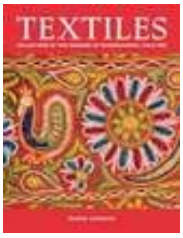
The Press Trust of India, a news agency, reported this week that Obama's 3 day trip to India would cost $200 million a day and include 3,000 people.

A top official of the Maharashtra Government privy to the arrangements for the high-profile visit said that the amount of around $200 million would be spent on security, stay and other aspects of the presidential visit.

The Indian news organization also reported that the United States was sending 34 warships to protect Obama.

This is an act of wasting huge money for memorable trips, instead of supporting the education and economy of the United States in country's most difficul times.

New Books From Gibbs Smith *Publisher*



Textiles: Collection of the Museum of International Folk Art by Bobbie Sumberg published by Gibbs Smith in 2010. The Museum of International Folk Art was founded and given to the state of New Mexico by Florence Dibell Bartlett and opened to the public in 1953. Many museums collect textiles and dress, but these materials rarely take center stage. The Museum of International Folk Art prioritizes these materials, realizing they are the art of a people in a profound sense, making concrete a culture's values, aesthetics, and ideas about the cosmos as well as where humans, collectively and individually, fit in the world. Fully illustrated with high quality photographs, this account explores thee deeper meaning behind the textiles and clothing on display at the museum. Evident is how different cultures have taken the same objects and made them unique to their location and time. Bobby Sumberg is curator of Textiles and Costume at the Museum of International Folk Art.

Ernest Thompson Seton: The Life and Legacy of an Artist and Conservationist by David L. Witt published by Gibbs Smith in 2010. In 1894, Ernest Thompson Seton invented the realistic animal story, a portrayal of wildlife based on scientific natural history of the animal as it really lived and behaved in the wild. In 1902 Seton founded an outdoor youth educational program known as the Woodcraft Indians and later incorporated it as the Woodcraft League. Woodcraft ideas revolutionized and greatly expanded and popularized summer recreation youth camp. In 1965, his widow, Julia, transferred most of his work and natural history collection to the Boy Scouts of America for its newly planned museum at Philmont Scout Ranch, in the mountains west of the Currumpaw Valley. This book serves as exhibition catalog for a nearly yearlong show at the New Mexico History Museum in Santa Fe.

Gardens of Santa Fe by *Anne* Hillerman, photographs by Don Strel published by Gibbs Smith in 2010. Gardening in Santa Fe is not for sissies, nor for the faint or beart. Creating a garden in Santa Fe often demands the muscle to turn clay and caliche into soil with a million shovels full of compost. It requires fortitude when a 2minutehailstorm transforms a summer's worth of blossoms into confetti. This book is a visionary journey through some of the most memorable and luminous gardens the city has to offer. Santa Fe boasts an astonishing diversity of flora, from traditional succulents and drought-resistant *plants* to roses and fruit trees - all grown in the high-desert mountains of the city. Ann Hillerman is an author, she has worked as editorial page and arts editor for the Albuquerque Journal North and the Santa Fe New Mexican. Don Strel's photographs have been featured in many publications . He is the director of Southwest Assignments design and photo agency which he founded in 1985.

The GOP Won Majority Control of the House

The GOP won majority control of the House but not the Senate, and some Republicans were blaming the tea party for the failure to clinch both chambers in an election trending strongly against the Democratic majorities in Congress.

Voters hit the reset button on American politics Tuesday. There is no more Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, no more one-party control of the Federal Government, no more Obama landslide map. The USA awaken this morning to all the same problems, but the menu of solutions is up for grabs. The future, including the 2012 presidential election, starts right now.

The swing voters who flocked to Obama two years ago turned against his agenda, electing a tidal wave of new

Republican members of Congress, and "shaving the Democratic advantage in the Senate to a hair's breadth."

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